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*Hard Chrome Alternatives Team*

*A DoD/Industry collaboration to replace  
hard chrome plating with HVOF thermal spray*



# Engineered Applications of Electro-Spark Deposition (ESD) for Component Repair

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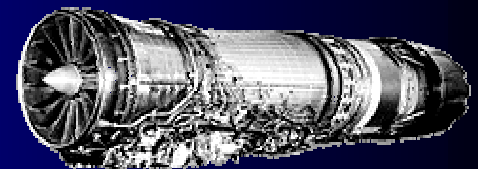


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# Project Objective

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- To determine feasibility of utilizing the ESD process for cost effective repair of components
  - No known method of repair
  - Existing repairs utilize HAZMATS
    - Repair of HAZMAT coatings
  - Current repairs impractical
  - No replacement parts available

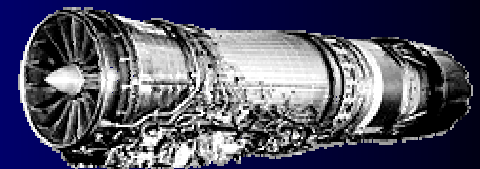


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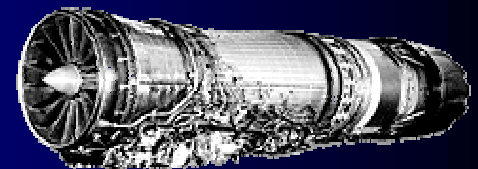


# Project Scope

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- ESD repair of Electrolytic Hard Chrome (EHC) coatings
- ESD repair of component substrate materials

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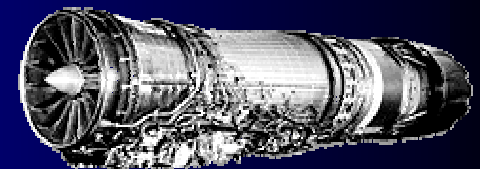


# Project Methodology - GTE

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- Select candidate materials and electrodes
- Optimize ESD parameters for selected substrate/electrode combinations
- Perform materials evaluation and mechanical testing
- Create candidate part screening criteria based on test results
- Develop repair procedures for candidate parts
- Test candidate parts as required
- Implement technology

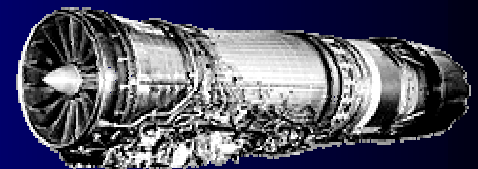
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# Repair of EHC - Status

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- Work Completed
  - Materials Identified
  - Some materials obtained
  - Some specification identified
  - Some candidate parts identified
  - Most information based upon HVOF JTP



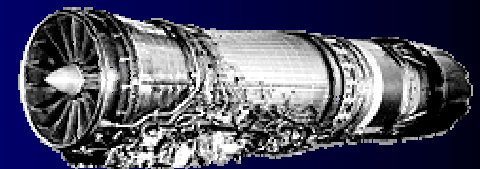
# Repair of EHC - Materials

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- Base Materials
  - IN718, AMS 5663
  - 4340, AMS 6415
  - 17-4PH, AMS 5355
- Possible Electrodes
  - Chromium
  - Ni-Chrome
  - Carbides
- EHC
  - MIL-STD-1501
  - Supported by QQ-C-320
  - .003" - .015" thickness



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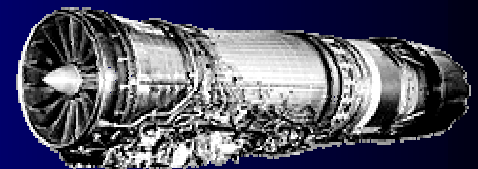




# Substrate Repair - Status

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- Candidate materials selected
- Most material received
- Gathering materials and mechanical testing information
- Beginning process optimization
- Drafting process specifications based upon optimization results

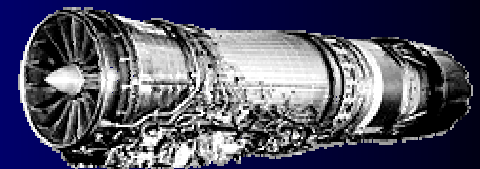


# Substrate Repair - Materials

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Substrate	Specification	Electrode Specification
IN 718	AMS 5663	AMS 5832
IN 625	AMS 5666	AMS 5837
Hastelloy X	AMS 5754	AMS 5798
Haynes 188	AMS 5772	AMS 5801
410 Stainless	AMS 5504	AMS 5823
17-4PH	AMS 5604	AMS 5825

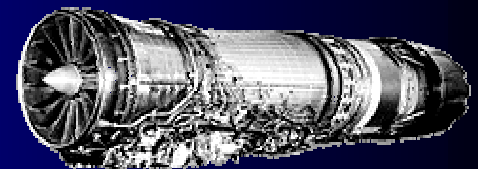
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# Substrate Repair - Optimization

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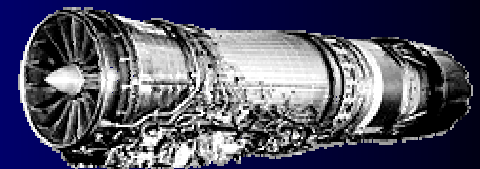
- Using DOE approach to optimize ESD parameters
  - Varying Capacitance, Voltage and Current
  - Measuring Deposition Rate, Inclusion %, Bond and HAZ
- Repairs currently underway
  - 50% complete on Hastelloy X
  - 40% complete on IN625



# Materials and Mechanical Testing

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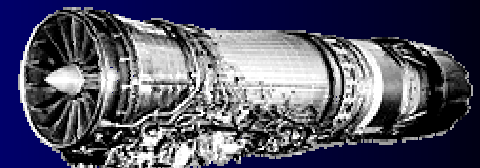
- Materials Testing
  - Completed prior to mechanical testing
    - Iterative process to assist in ESD optimization
    - Metallurgical evaluations
      - Cracking, Porosity, Inclusions, etc.
    - Bond evaluations
      - Bond buttons, bend testing
    - HAZ
      - Micro-hardness gradients
    - Others ?? (residual stress, element mapping)



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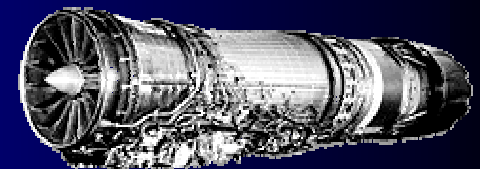
- Mechanical Testing
  - Completed after ESD optimization, materials testing
    - Possible testing includes
      - Low Cycle Fatigue, High Cycle Fatigue (RT & Elevated)  
Tensile, Fatigue Crack Growth, Creep/Stress Rupture,  
Long Term Stability
    - DOE/Specifics needed
    - Definition of defect needed for each instance



# ESD Specification & ESD Procedure

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- ESD Specification - Based upon AWS D17
  - Definition of weld type (repair vs. coatings)
  - Qualification of welder
  - Acceptance Criteria
    - Initially based upon AWS D17, Class A, B & C ?
    - ESD specific criteria created during development ?
- ESD Procedure – Based upon AWS B2.1 ?
  - ESD equipment parameters
  - Technique description
  - Substrate/electrode/geometry specific



# Questions -

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